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BEIRUT FOR HELD

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: VISIT TO CAIRO BY RGO HELD

REF: STATE 218958

1. REFTEL LISTS EGYPTIAN ORGANIZATIONS FOR RGO'S "PRIORITY ATTENTION". SEVERAL OF ORGANIZATIONS MENTIONED ARE MILITARY OR HAVE STRONG CONNECTION WITH ARMED FORCES OR MILITARY INTELLIGENCE--MILITARY SURVEY DEPARTMENT AND EGYPTIAN GENERAL AUTHORITY FOR ROADS AND BRIDGES ARE IBVIOUS EXAMPLES.

2. EGYPTIAN SENSITIVITIES TO EFFORTS BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS TO SEEK ANY TYPE OF MILITARY INFORMATION ARE ACUTE. CONTACT BETWEEN THE EMBASSY AND EGYPTIAN MILITARY AUTHORITIES IS CONDUCTED ONLY BY THE AMBASSADOR AND DATT. OUR NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH GOE IS NOT YET SUCH THAT WE EHOULD BEGIN ASKING LOW AND MIDDLE RANKING OFFICIALS FOR DOCUMENTS OF POTENTIAL STRATEGIC SIGNIFICANCE. WE BELIEVE, THEREFORE, IT IS INAPPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME FOR RGO HELD TO ENDEAVOR PROCURE GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION FROM ANY GOE ORGANIZATION WHICH HAS MILITARY CONNECTION. WE ARE, NEVERTHELESS, CONFIDENT THAT WE CAN WORK OUT A USEFUL PROGRAM FOR HELD ON HIS ARRIVAL HERE.

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